MUMMERS GAYLY | were aware from the decks as life-bosts. Gayly costumed mammers who played cards represented the peace party. At the bow of the ship was a

Take Philadelphia by Storm with Grotesque and Gorgeous Parade.

FORD PEACE SHIP IS BURLESQUED

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Hailed as the Greatest "Come Back" ... American Missionary in Turkey Sixth Buxom War Brides Dance.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—King Momus of Commissioners for Foreign Missions years could count upon a real Christ be received what is known on the Box-mass dinner and a pair of shoes at the part of shoes at the part of shoes at the property of the thousands paraded years a medical missionary of the board years of the property of t

red, purple and white.

contumes, marched with solemn tread behind dancing pages that leaded like aprites from a fairy kingdom. Five clubs, parading 2,500 men, had sto'n tips from the rainboy with which to make a triumph for themselves, Holding the right of line, winner of last year's grand prize, was the renowned Sliver Crown Club. Their leader had dropped back twenty centuries to stagger holiday Philadeliphia with an Assyrian costume of barbaric splendor.

It was in the comic division that the imaginations of the nummers ran riot. The Ford peace mission came in for a big share of burlescue. There was a peace alip—a hugo, black, cloth affair, with decks and a bridge. Toy cars, and an only de lodgin' their home here this afternoom. Many intricate discussions of scientific problems that the meeting here, and for the country, and only de lodgin' their home here this afternoom. Many prominent in New England and New Horse and their belief that the meeting here, and for the first gone to de country, and only de lodgin', their home here this afternoom. Many prominent in New England and New Horse and the blew. Larry Mulligan, he's gone to de country, and only de lodgin', their home here this afternoom. Many prominent in New England and New Horse and their belief that the meeting here, and for the country, and only de decountry, and only de lodgin', their home here this afternoom. Many prominent in New England and New Horse and their belief that the meeting here, and for the lodgin', their home here this afternoom. Many many intricate discussions of scientific problems that have been proceeding daily, had accomplished vast good in cemental wealth and pouring tea were Mrs. Frank Keen, Mrs. The Dominick, fr., Mrs. Frank Keen, Mrs. Smith neceting and prize, was the renowned the blew. Larry Mulligan, he's gone the countries and the blew. Larry Mulligan, he's gone delice, but we want. We'd and the blew. Larry Mulligan, he's gone the countries and self-during the countries and New York society attended. Those who had he's dollar ant wor want. The p

GREET NEW YEAR party. At the bow of the ship was a stuffed dove, with an olive branch in its beak, and behind it was a tall man, with blonde, curly hair, who was supposed to represent the head of the

There were regiments of Charley Chaplins, one entire brigade being made up in imitation of the movie comedian.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was hailed as the greatest "comeback" in a float with a big cannon on a truck and the word "Joo" on either side.

War brides were fourteen impersonators, each weighing 200 pounds. The "brides" were fantastically costumed and scampered along with huge dolls.

Victim in Year.

Boston, Jan. 1.- The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—King Momus to-day announced the death from typhus years could count upon a real Christ-

Majestic captains, panoplied in royal FOR FREE MEDICAL SERVICES white got

BOWERY KNOCKS HAPPY NEW YEAR

WAR DUTIES KILL DOCTORS Disappointed Outcasts Get Half Dollar Each Instead of Postponed Christmas Feast.

The Bowery derelicts who for twelve beat it." Hefore the repeater could "beat it." Drawn by his invisible sceptre, his by the thousands paraded through the city, turning Broad Street into a scene of dancing, living color. Other thousands fringed the avenue and paid spontaneous tribute to the spectacle provided in honor of the bank New Year.

At 10 o'clock the procession started Within a few minutes it was a twisting kaleidoscope of color—a blend of red, purple and white.

Well a minute steward and spiral for fourteen by esterday that the spirit of Big Tim Sullivan learned yesterday that the spirit of Big Tim Sullivan learned the thousands of the bearded there so quickly, he picked had fled from the old thoroughfare. Well said: A serie the hearts of his former bene within a year from causes attributed to war conditions.

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nes have moved uptown. Johnny White got too rich fer de Bowery and e blew. Larry Mulligan, he's gone

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But once inside the clubhouse the critics listened respectfully as Johnny O'Brien, one of the club members and custodian as well, said:

"Boya, Patrick M. Sullivan has decided not to give a Christman dinner this year, but instead he sends to each of you gentiemen his good wishes and a piece of silver for the New Year."

Then the band struck up "It's a Long Scientists Entertained." **ENVOYS FETED**

of the Pan-American Scientific Conto delegates of the board of governors

Park, gave a reception for their daugh- declared their belief that the meeting

and a piece of silver for the New Year."

Then the band struck up "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," and the dozen or so about to receive the pieces of silver cheered and walked up to the small table where the silver was piled, and each got his half dollar. This performance was repeated many times.

One of the club members, in the absence of Alderman Sullivan, who left at 10:30 o'clock, soon after the first few batches received their half dollars. Announced that 2,331 half dollars had been given out. Two of them went to one Boweryite who was more than half seas over. When he came in a third time one of the hangers-on around the club looked at him and said:

"Bo, you're a repeater. This isn't the place to puil any of that stuff, so beat it!"

Before the repeater could "best it"

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and by the speech of Elihu Counsellor Polk, of the State Depart : WEDS CORESPONDENT IN SUIT

There was no session of the congress to-day, a meeting previously planned having been cancelled to allow the delegates a New Year's Day free to make calls and fill luncheon and dinner engagements. The delegates were guests this afternon at the Cosmos Club.

Elaborate programmes for the entertainment of the members of the congress at the cities they will visit as the guests of the United States government after the congress closes are being prepared. They will visit Haltimore on January 10. The next day they will go to Philadelphia, and Wednesday will be in New York, where Mayor Mitchel will address them. It is expected that

for one," and by the speech of Elihu Root, in which he told the Latin-American delegates that "so long as the spirit of American freedom shall continue it shall range us side by side with you, great and small, for the maintenance of the rights of nations.

The formal proposal made by the United States early in the week for a Pan-American convention for arbitration of boundary disputes and to prohibit shipments of arms to revolutionists also continued to-night an absorbing topic of conversation among delegates.

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edging at bottom. No mail, telephone or hurry

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limited to the professional musician or teacher. For that reason the judgment or advice of the teacher was generally sought, and wisely so by the

The time was when the manufacturing of Pianos

TO THE PUBLIC:

would-be purchaser. As the country grew and the Piano industry with it, competition naturally arose. The result was that the manufacturers and dealers practically employed the professional musician or teacher to endorse or recommend their piano, and for such service they paid a commission on any sale made through such recom-

mendation. For a time this was honestly and legitimately done, but with the immense growth of the in and the subordination of art to a form of commercialism, the system became an insidious evil, not only discreditable to the music-teaching profession, but unfair to the purchasing public.

This commercialism in the exploiting of cheap Pianos of unknown make and of no established value, has made it very easy for the unscrupulous dealer so to manipulate prices that these underhand commis-

sions are actually paid by the purchaser. So-called teachers and those who do not even call themselves teachers, have appeared in legions.

They obtain the names of prospective piano purchasers, whom they claim will buy only on their recommendations.

Then they shop among piano dealers, register the so-called prospect, and, if possible, influence the sale to the house that will pay them the largest secret commission, but in any case, they claim a commission from any dealer from whom the piano is bought.

What value can such recommendations have to a long suffering and patient public?

It is an evil that the purchaser not only pays for, because naturally the dealer must maintain his profit,

but he is unknowingly paying for advice which he thinks is honestly and gratuitously given.

We confess that we have been not entirely guiltless, but we, as well as other reputable Piano manufacturers have fought this evil in connection

In our efforts to eliminate those influenced solely by mercenary motives, we have no doubt, offended some teachers who honestly recommend our Pianos.

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We are determined, as far as our business is concerned, absolutely to eliminate any chance of reflection on the teaching profession which may arise from the demands of the unscrupulous minority in a conspiracy to overcharge the buyer.

We further believe that not only the public but the music profession will sustain us in our efforts to make the Piano business clean and straightforward.

Any purchaser of a Sterling Piano buys at the lowest price, his interests are first and we intend to continue to protect them.

Yours truly,

THE STERLING PIANO CO.

President.